

## Pleasant Hill, Ohio

Brother Editor, in compliance with your request, we will endeavor to supply the EVANGALIST with the monthly report. Our first pastoral year closes at this place Sunday Nov. 5. Looking back over the year's work we have many reasons for which to praise God. As many of the readers of the EVANGALIST know, the Pleasant Hill church is one of the charter organizations of the Brethren church and that its field of experience has been large, they have listened to the expounding of the scriptures by such men as Miller, Cober, Kilhefner, Tombaugh, Summers and Baughman, located as they are in the midst of a G. B. stronghold. Yet the Brethren Church holds her own with a membership of about one hundred with not a few of them living in the country some of them living in Bradford, some in Covington and some in Dayton. Yet with those who are the regular attendants we are succeeding reasonably well, having placed eight new names on the roll of honor last winter with a decided call from the church for preaching services regularly every two weeks morning and evening, for the next year. The general attendance thru the heated season was not as good as we had hoped for, but now the summer excursions and outings are over the attendance we think will be better. The Sunday School is doing fairly well, it too needs a better attendance of the members, the K. C. society is doing exceedingly well having a good attendance and good interest. We expect to reap largely from the result this winter. Have not decided just yet when we will commence our protracted efforts here. As to the future prosperity of the church here it is with the members and the pastor. If they do their part and the pastor does his part, then God will do the rest, and we will joyfully and anxiously await the results, but remember there must be love and union among the people of God in order to secure success in his work, and without it there will be failure. Brethren which shall we have, the stay at homes never built up an organization, never became a power for the church and for Christ, and in as much as you have been born again born into the spiritual kingdom then seek those things that are Christs, rally to the support of the blood stained banner of King Emanuel, stand by your church, support it and its institutions, if all else fails do not let your church and its interests fail, we love the Pleasant Hill organization and speak nothing but words of praise for them but yet, we say brethren and sisters let us have better regular attendance thru this new year than we had during the one just past.

M. S. WHITE.

## Bryan, Ohio

Peace, harmony and activity still prevails. As far as the church is concerned we have nothing new to report. Steps have been taken to organize a Home Department:—an auxiliary to our Sabbath School. We are proud of our S. S. C. E. of this place, as well as of Bethesda. On the evening of

Oct. 20, the sisters of the Bryan class gave a supper at the home of Brother Keyzers, netting them a clear profit of \$36.35. We were astonished to arrive at their home and find the house packed, scarcely standing room. While the supper was given under the name of the S. S. C. E., yet they had the co-operation of those who are not members of the S. S. C. E. Our communion at Bethesda on last Sunday evening was enjoyed by all. We were made glad to have the presence of brother and sister Martin of the Fair Haven congregation, Wayne Co. We formed their acquaintance in days gone by while in Ashland. We kindly say, come again.

We are now, at this writing, just on the verge of a protracted meeting in the Bethesda congregation. Remember us in your prayers.

S. B. GRISSO

## From the Church at Pony Creek, Kansas

A joint committee appointed by their church at this place and the Bethany congregation, recently decided to continue brother J. H. Burnworth as pastor.

Brother Z. T. Livengood has been secured to hold us a series of meetings beginning Sunday November 12. We expect to hold our love feast sometime during these meetings.

Last Sunday we had a sermon, not by our regular pastor, but by one of our old ministers, on the subject, *Have Miracles Ceased or The Last Power.*

The speaker made the following points: The church at Corinth was especially blessed with the gifts of healing, of tongues, of prophesy, of interpretations, and yet that church abounded in many disorders, many churches at the present day are more orderly and abound more largely in love and the Christian graces, hence these miraculous gifts were not discontinued because the churches have degenerated in faith, in purity, in soundness of doctrine, or for a want of consecrated and orderly conduct.

We would have as much right to expect the gift of prophesy to be continued as the gift of healing, but a minister claiming to speak by direct revelation would justly be branded as an imposter.

No one claims that the gift of tongues abide with the church at the present day, tho our missionaries in foreign lands whose lives are so fully consecrated to the service of the Master would both deserve and need this gift in preaching the gospel in the various dialects and languages of the heathen.

Our "Divine Healers" of the present cannot heal such diseases as leprosy; they cannot restore the sight of those who are born blind; make the lame to walk that have been cripples from birth; they cannot speak with new tongues; they cannot without hurt take up serpents, or drink any deadly thing. The diseases they "heal" are of the milder sort that exist largely in the imagination.

Some of the most noted of these "healers" are not overly pious. Some are avaricious, profane and uncharitable. They are more

over inconsistent with their professions. They wear spectacles, are afflicted with carbuncles and felons and other ills.

To supplant the supernatural with the natural, after the formative period is in harmony with God's methods in the animal and vegetable kingdoms. Only the first of these were produced in a miraculous or supernatural manner.

The lack of the supernatural gifts incident to the apostolic age is now fully compensated in a natural way in the present age.

Christian schools and colleges now supply grammars and dictionaries of all the leading languages and dialects. Within the past one hundred years at least one hundred different tongues that were previously without literature have been reduced to writing by the missionaries. Hundreds of our foreign missionaries are educated physicians and are having the blessings of the medical science to aid them in introducing the gospel to the heathen. Antidotes to poisons are known and used effectively. Vaccination is a safe guard against smallpox, and many other blessings resulting from the medical science might be mentioned.

The Lord answers our prayer to be healed from sickness in the same way that he answers our prayers to give us our daily bread, or any of our material wants.

## Union Salem, Ind.

We are moving along quietly with no burst of enthusiasm, endeavoring to hold our own and gather here and there one along the way. Entered upon our third year, and as an opening one dear sister came forward at our morning service and was baptized in the afternoon and received into full fellowship the same evening. She has a family out of the church. May her life be such as to lead her family into a full knowledge of the Savior. At our last communion she came thru very inclement weather, a distance of 35 miles. Brother Flora assisted at our communion, also preached for us the following Sunday morning. During our absence on a visit to our parents in Clinton Co., the class saw fit to repaint the church pews and place in some new carpet; an evidence of love for the house of God. A good thing for the pastor to "vacate" once in a while. Would it were possible to have the church paper in every home of my congregation. Shall do what I can to make it thus.

L. A. HAZLETT.

## Nappanee, Ind.

## Gleanings From the Wayside

It was our good pleasure a few weeks ago to attend communion service at Milford, Ind., in brother G. W. Rensch's field of labor. A good meeting, a deep spiritual interest seems to manifest itself thru-out the service.

Truly the Lord was with us. Our meeting at LaPaz at our last appointment was well attended. Sunday-school is moving under Brother Bechtol's management, and King's Children under Brother Hostetler's supervision is doing good work.